

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 24-27 have been canceled and replaced with new Claims 31-34, respectively, but which correct the structural formulae for the recited organic compound. Claims 28-30 have been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 12-21 and 31-34 will be pending in the application.

REMARKS

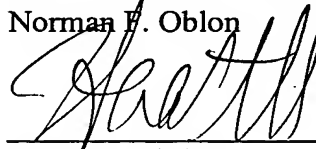
The rejections of Claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, and of Claims 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over, EP 0666298 A2 (Nakaya et al), are respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

The objection to Claims 24-27, 29 and 30, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the objection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 12-21, and indication of allowability of the subject matter of Claims 24-27. The claims are now limited to allowed or allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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